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Dear Chris,

I had to write you and express my profound sadness on Joe's passing. From the minute I first saw The Speedboys somewhere close to 40 years ago, I felt a deep connection with him. I honestly can't think of another person who shared my musical tastes so closely. I loved his music and I loved him.

I always enjoyed running into you guys at concerts and at the folk fest, and I greatly appreciated it when you invited me to do a house concert and I stayed over. I wanted to do it again.

I contacted Joe roughly a year ago, when someone posted the article in the Lancaster paper about his condition to let him know I was concerned and offer my support. But after that, I didn't know what condition he was in, what was hard for him and what wasn't and could only imagine the pain he was enduring, and didn't want to put him in a position of having to respond. I know he tried his best to keep on playing and keep on going.

I will miss him forever, but cherish our friendship and his music.

All my love and sympathy.

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